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THE HATCHET has a larger regular mailing circulation, with one exception, than any Sunday publication in Washington, and we believe the second largest local circulation in the District of Columbia.

Ex-Controller Eckles says that Mr. Bryan is not fitted for the Presidency. "No man is fitted for the Presidency who day in and day out proclaims, in the midst of a demonstrated better condition of affairs, the reverse to be true in order to foment a discontent which will gain to himself and party a political advantage."

"If Bryan, as his friends contend," says ex-Controller Eckles, "is intellectually honest and fearless, then he is either woefully ignorant or wilfully blind, for he insists that at no time since his coming into political power has he made an economic prediction which has not failed of fulfillment, or laid down as truth an economic doctrine which has not in the course of quick events been demonstrated to be an economic fallacy."

He attacks Bryan for dictating the democratic platform, for his alliance with Croker, for his unity with the populists, for reaffirming the 16 to 1 plank, for his war attitude, for his Philippine policy. He would not trust him. "It may be doubted," he says, "whether a man with so many erroneous ideas as to the conduct of the domestic affairs of the nation can be trusted to have the right ones when it comes managing our foreign properties."

In conclusion he says: "The democratic party can live under defeat without complete and ultimate destruction, but a victory gained by it with a candidate holding the views of Mr. Bryan, and a platform pledging the party to carry out the things advocated at Chicago in 1896, and in Kansas City this year, would work such results to the country that it would pass forever out of political power at a recurring election, without the smallest minorities to do it on, 'unwept, unhonored and unsung.'"

"The democrat who wishes to save his party's future will only aid that end by defeating Mr. Bryan and burying his platform. Its ultimate recurrence to power and prestige lies in the independence of democrats who are such on principle, and not through expediency."

The Maccabees have made the best scouts in our Philippine service, and have proven themselves to be brave and good soldiers, and to be thoroughly reliable. If Mr. McKinley would put about ten thousand of them in the field as soldiers, and have the regiments officered by details from the army, an end would soon be had of war in the Philippines, and very little expense would be incurred in the maintenance of the native soldiers.

Idleness will rule tomorrow in the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania. The strike is very unfortunate, coming as it does, at a time when coal has never been known to be as high. Retail prices at this time are the same as during the middle of winter. Should an early settlement not be made with the operatives of the mines, we may look for coal to reach the fifteen dollar notch before the strike ends. The mine owners state that they have not been fairly treated, that the miners have not given them sufficient time to adjust the grievance. It looks as if the fight would be a stubborn one, and one that will bring trouble and distress to the homes of thousands of people.

It is now about an established fact that the Powers will hold forces in China until a full settlement has been made. Russia, Germany and England will not recognize the dowager Empress, but demand that the Emperor take the reins of government in hand. That wily, bloodthirsty Prince Tuan, is keeping the Empress under guard, whom at any minute he may assassinate. As things look at this writing, they are very much mixed, and neither fellow is anxious to knock the chip off the other one's shoulder.

Storm-wrecked Galveston has brought many noble acts of heroism to light, amongst which none was more noble and heroic than those of the noble sisters in charge of the Catholic orphan asylum. It was supposed that the inmates, some ninety-nine Sisters and little children, had been swept out into the gulf when the waters receded, but within a couple of days bodies of several of the victims were found. The spectacle presented was such as to make stout-hearted men break down. It appeared that when the heroic sisters found the waters rising all around the asylum, their only thoughts were for their little charges. They tied the children in bunches, and then each Sister fastened to herself a bunch of the children, determined to save them or die with them. Two of these bunches have been found under wreckage. In each case eight children had been fastened together and then tied to a Sister. All died together.

Galveston had a collection of school buildings, public and private, which were unsurpassed for solidity and architectural finish by any city of its class. An examination of the public school buildings show that scarcely one is fit for use, and that most of them are in an unsafe condition. The only educational structure in the city safe and fit for use with comparatively small repair is the Ursuline Academy.

The coroner's jury impaneled at Hyattsville last week to investigate the cause of the death of Joseph Booth at Melrose avenue crossing, Wednesday evening last, found the B. & O. railroad criminally negligent in not providing protection at the said crossing. From the evidence, there was but one eye-witness to the affair, Mr. R. E. Wood, a resident of Hyattsville, who said he was about fifteen or twenty feet from the vehicle when it was struck. He did not hear the train whistle blow, neither did he remember hearing the electric bells. Engineer Hoffman of the train stated that he did not see the wagon until after the engine had struck it. He was on the right-hand side of his engine, and as the wagon drove upon the track from the opposite direction, it was impossible for him to see it. The fireman also testified he did not see the wagon until after it was struck. We could fill the columns of THE HATCHET with accounts of deaths caused by the criminal negligence of the management of the B. & O. company.

THE STAFF OF LIFE.

Bread Seems to Be Falling in Favor as an Article of Diet.

"I look upon bread as an article of food destined to be completely abolished before many years," said a New York doctor, "for the number of persons who are willingly giving up the use of it increases every year. The majority of them do this on the advice of their physicians, who find more ground for recommending abstinence from bread as they see the results that such a course of treatment has on their patients."

"For nearly all forms of dyspepsia, gout, rheumatism and kindred ailments the patient is first told to shun bread unless it be submitted to certain preparation and be taken only in certain forms. The great increase in the number of hygienic foods that have been put upon the market and the almost invariable success of any of these manufactures which prove an acceptable substitute for bread and other starchy foods are other indications in the change of the public feeling toward bread as a simple food which could be taken under all circumstances."

"Some years ago a man wrote a book devoted chiefly to exposing to the world the harmful qualities of bread. Persons at that time thought he was a crank, and little attention was paid to his very sound utterances on the subject. But his opinions are now re-echoed by most physicians, and the great army of abstainers from bread gathers recruits every day. The revolt against such a well established institution is naturally a little bit slow. But bread is destined to be ultimately shunned even more than it is today, and this destruction of a tradition that has lasted centuries is already well under way. Most of its force comes from the complete satisfaction of the persons who do give up bread entirely. They are always the most enthusiastic advocates of the new theory on the subject."—New York Sun.

HE TESTED HIS SKILL.

The Result Moved the Philosopher to a Discourse on Success.

"Did you ever realize that the success that one really enjoys comes only through hard work?" asked the philosopher. "I know the average mortal would prefer to gain his ends without hard toil, but few do, and I doubt if those few gain any pleasure from having the plum drop in their laps without any effort on their part."

"I had that fact impressed upon me only the other day. I chanced during an idle moment to pick up an empty ink bottle, and something started my thoughts back to my boyhood days when an empty bottle furnished an ideal mark to throw stones at. Smiling to myself at the childishness of it, I set the bottle on a hitching post, and after carefully selecting a number of stones I stood off about 30 feet and prepared to make a test of my skill. The very first stone that I threw caught the bottle fairly in the center and shattered it into a hundred pieces. I threw away the stones that I had so carefully gathered in disgust. I had accomplished what I had set out to do on my first throw, but I fully realized that it was only a fluke and that I might throw 50 more stones and not come anywhere near the mark."

"Now, if, on the contrary, I had missed, I would have carefully noted where the fault lay and tried to have corrected it on my next throw. The throws that went too low and too high, as well as too much to one side, would have all been valuable lessons to me, and in the end I would have succeeded in placing a stone where I wanted it. That would have been success gained by working for it. The very few people who gain success on their first throw have my sympathy."—Detroit Free Press.

Nansen's Pancakes.

From boyhood Nansen accustomed himself to the use of snowshoes and would often go 40 or 50 miles on them without taking any food with him. He had a great dislike to any outfit for his excursions. On one occasion he and some of his friends set off on a long snowshoe expedition, all except Nansen having a wallet containing their provisions on their backs. When they got to the first resting place, Nansen unbuttoned his coat and took some smoking pancakes from the lining and asked his friends to share his food. They all refused, however, not caring for the mode of conveyance and heating. Nansen replied, "More fools you, for let me tell you there's jam in them."

A Good Investment.

"Is marriage a failure?" "I should say not," remarked an Oregon farmer. "Why, there's Lucindy gets up in the mornin', milks six cows, gets breakfast, starts four children to school, looks after the other three, feeds the hens, likewise the hogs, likewise some motherless sheep, skims 20 pans of milk, washes the clothes, gets dinner, et cetera, et cetera! Think I could hire anybody to do it for what she gets? Not much! Marriage, sir, is a success—a great success!"—Woman's Journal.

Literary Irrigation.

"Your latest novel seems very dry," said the reader of the publishing house to the young but rising author.

"I was pretty sure you would say that," rejoined the author; "consequently if you will count them you will find the heroine weeps real tears on just 253 pages of my story."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Good Varnish.

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AMUSEMENTS.

LYCEUM THEATRE.

Patrons of the Lyceum Theatre will enjoy a treat next week in the shape of a first class entertainment of light extravaganza and vaudeville which will be presented by Rice & Bartlin's Rose Hill English Folly Company. This clever band of comedians and burlesque beauties needs but little introduction to lovers of this style of entertainment. For years its name has been synonymous with success, and much of the prestige it has gained has been due to the fact that the entertainment has been kept up to date, bright and wholesome. The company does not depend upon highly colored lithographs or boastful posters for its success, but on the merits of the performance alone. All who attend a performance of the Rose Hill Company will receive full value for their money and will be entertained for every minute they are in the house. The large and capable company will be presented in two laughable concoctions, entitled "All at Sea," a nautical burletta, and "Stolen Pleasures," a rollicking musical skit. Both will be staged with new and attractive settings, unique and brilliant electrical effects, and gorgeous and fetching costumes. They will be found replete with bright dialogues, sweet and catchy music and high class specialties. Several terpsichorean novelties will be introduced by the girls of the company, who, by the way, are said to be among the handsomest in burlesque on the road this season. The vaudeville olio will include such well known and sterling performers as Joseph J. Sullivan and Carrie Webber, Catherine Rowe Palmer, Hickey and Nelson, Phil MacFarland and James P. Lee, and Allie Willard and Henrietta Wheeler.

NEW BIJOU.

Every one should visit the New Bijou next week. The "Butterfly" will hold the boards, and if you do not fall from your seats with laughter, it will not be the fault of the company. Gay and beautiful women will be seen magnificently costumed, and a galaxy of refined vaudeville artists.

PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION EMBLEM.

The official emblem of the Pan-American Exposition, which was designed by Raphael Beck, a Lockport artist, and was accepted as the most artistic and suitable of several hundred designs submitted, has the special merit of effectively symbolizing one of the chief purposes of the Exposition, which is to bring into closer social and trade relationship the republics, states and territories of North and South America. The emblem shows a fair maiden typifying the North, extending a kindly hand to clasp that of her brunette sister of the South, thus forming a bond of continental sisterhood and establishing a unity of sentiment and interests between the countries of the Western Hemisphere.

AID GALVESON SUFFERERS.

Next Wednesday afternoon the gross proceeds of the performances in each of the playhouses now open and at the Columbia will be donated to the general relief fund. There will be vaudeville matinees at Hashim's Academy of Music, Chase's New Grand, Kernan's Lyceum, the Bijou, and the Columbia. At the National "Mam'selle 'Awkins" will be presented. At the Columbia, which has not been formally opened for the season, the programme will include a concert by the Marine Band and a number of vaudeville turns by local and professional talent.

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Domestic.

Larry—Be livins, Dinnis, that old hen's atin tacks.
Dinnis—Maybe she's goin to lay a zarpet.—St. Andrew's Gazette.

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